

I SUPPORT HB 6926 WHICH ALLOWS TOWNS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL OPEN SPACE FUNDING OPTION.

The Town of Lyme 2015 Plan of Conservation and Development, based upon a survey of all the citizens of Lyme, states "Lyme residents have a strong appreciation for the natural resources that bless the area.

This bill would allow the residents of Lyme to raise money to acquire more open space and to steward the land that the town has already protected as open space. The money that is collected from this conveyance fee would remain in the community to be used to preserve the rural character of the town that is so prized by the residents and visitors.

I am the Open Space Coordinator of Lyme as well as a member of the Lyme Land Trust Conservation Trust Board of Directors.

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